

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

MODIFICATION TO WESTERN KENTUCKY)	
GAS COMPANY, A DIVISION OF ATMOS)	
ENERGY CORPORATION (WKG) GAS COST)	CASE NO. 97-513
ADJUSTMENT TO INCORPORATE AN)	
EXPERIMENTAL PERFORMANCE-BASED)	
RATEMAKING MECHANISM (PBR))	

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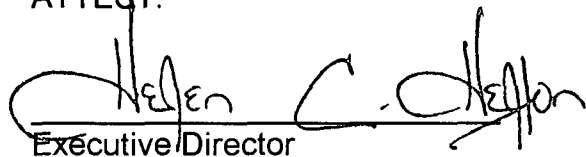
On December 19, 1997, Western Kentucky Gas Company ("Western") filed a proposed tariff for implementing an experimental performance-based ratemaking mechanism as part of its Gas Cost Adjustment Clause. The Commission finds that, pursuant to KRS 278.190, further proceedings are necessary in order to determine the reasonableness of the proposed tariff.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Western's proposed tariff filing be suspended for five months from January 18, 1998 up to and including June 17, 1998.
2. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering a final decision in this case prior to the termination of the suspension period.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 14th day of January, 1998.

ATTEST:


Executive Director

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


For the Commission